

a4 8<sup>34</sup>. (amended) The method of claim 3<sup>3</sup> further including a step of filling said package with a product [through said mouth] before adhering said second profile to said second wall panel.

a5 10<sup>36</sup>. (amended) The method of claim 9<sup>35</sup> further including a step of filling said package with a product [through said mouth] before adhering said second profile to said second wall panel.

a6 12<sup>38</sup>. (amended) The method of claim 11<sup>37</sup> further including a step of filling said package with a product [through said mouth] after adhering said first profile to said first wall panel and after adhering said second profile to said second wall panel.

☐ Please add the following new claims:

a7 15<sup>31</sup>. The method of claim 2<sup>7</sup> wherein said zipper has a tamper resistant element.

16<sup>42</sup>. The method of claim 2<sup>7</sup> further including a step of mounting said slider onto said zipper.

17<sup>43</sup>. The method of claim 16<sup>42</sup> wherein said slider is mounted onto said zipper after said first profile of said zipper is adhered to said first wall panel.

18<sup>44</sup>. The method of claim 16<sup>42</sup> wherein said slider is mounted onto said zipper after said first profile of said zipper is adhered to said first wall panel and said second profile is adhered to said second wall panel.

19<sup>45</sup>. A method of placing a product in recloseable packages, said method comprising:  
providing a first wall panel opposing a second wall panel;  
positioning a zipper at a predetermined orientation, said zipper including a first track with a first profile and a second track with a second profile, said first and second profiles being releasably engageable to each other;

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mounting a slider onto said zipper, said slider slidably mounted to said zipper for movement between a closed position and an open position, said first and second profiles being engaged to each other while said slider is in said closed position, said first and second profiles being disengaged from each other in response to movement of said slider from said closed position to said open position;

adhering said first profile of said zipper to said first wall panel;

forming first and second spaced side seals in said first and second wall panels to define first and second sidewalls of said package;

filling said package with a product; and

adhering said second profile of said zipper to said second wall panel.

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46. The method of claim ~~45~~ wherein said slider is mounted onto said zipper after said first profile of said zipper is adhered to said first wall panel.

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47. The method of claim ~~45~~ wherein said slider is mounted onto said zipper after said first profile of said zipper is adhered to said first wall panel and said second profile is adhered to said second wall panel.

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48. The method of claim ~~45~~ further including a step of feeding a zipper arrangement between said first and second wall panels before positioning said zipper, said zipper arrangement comprising a plurality of said zippers connected in line with each other.

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49. The method of claim ~~48~~ wherein said zipper arrangement includes a plurality of sliders slidably mounted to said zipper.

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50. The method of claim ~~45~~ further including a step of feeding a sheet of said zippers to between said first and second wall panels before positioning said zipper, said sheet of zippers comprising a plurality of said zippers releasably adhered to each other.

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25<sup>51</sup>. The method of claim ~~50~~ wherein each of said zippers includes a slider slidably mounted to said zipper.

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26<sup>52</sup>. The method of claim ~~48~~ wherein said zipper is positioned and said first profile of said zipper is adhered to said first wall panel before providing said first and second wall panels.

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27<sup>53</sup>. The method of claim ~~48~~ further including a step of cutting said side seals to separate adjacent packages.

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28<sup>54</sup>. The method of claim ~~45~~ wherein said first and second wall panels are provided by folding a web of material.

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29<sup>55</sup>. The method of claim ~~45~~ wherein said zipper is positioned at a mouth of said first and second wall panels.

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30<sup>56</sup>. The method of claim ~~55~~ wherein said package is filled with a product before adhering said second profile to said second wall panel.

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31<sup>57</sup>. The method of claim ~~45~~ wherein said zipper is positioned below and adjacent a mouth of said first and second wall panels.

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32<sup>58</sup>. The method of claim ~~57~~ wherein said package is filled with a product before adhering said second profile to said second wall panel.

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33<sup>59</sup>. The method of claim ~~45~~ wherein said zipper is positioned at a bottom of said first and second wall panels.

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34<sup>60</sup>. The method of claim ~~59~~ wherein said package is filled with a product after adhering said first profile to said first wall panel and after adhering said second profile to said second wall panel.

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35<sup>61</sup>. The method of claim ~~45~~ wherein said zipper has a tamper resistant element.

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36<sup>62</sup>. A method of manufacturing reclosable bags, said method comprising:

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providing a plurality of fastener segments connected to each other, each of said fastener segments including first and second interlockable profiles, said first profile including a rib, said second profile including a groove for receiving said rib;

mounting a slider to each of said fastener segments, said slider being adapted to open and close its respective fastener segment;

providing a continuous web of plastic packaging material;

after mounting said slider to each of said fastener segments, successively attaching said slider-carrying fastener segments to said continuous web;

forming said continuous web into the reclosable bags; and

filling the reclosable bags with a product.

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63. The method of claim 36, wherein said step of forming said continuous web into the reclosable bags includes folding said continuous web to form opposing walls of said reclosable bags and sealing said folded web to provide the reclosable bags with respective distinct interior compartments for receiving the product. --

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-26 have been cancelled without prejudice since they are being pursued in the application from which this divisional is based on. See attached Response to Office Action dated July 11, 2000 for Serial No. 09/307,843. Claims 27, 31, 34, 36 and 38 have been amended. Claims 41-63 have been added. Thus, claims 27-63 are in the application after entry of the above amendments. The proposed claims are believed to be consistent with the specification and drawings, and are believed to be in a condition for allowance.

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